

City of Evansville Common Council
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536
Tuesday, July 12th, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.**, by Mayor Duggan.
2. **Roll call:**

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Aldersperson, Jim Brooks	P	City Administrator, Jason Sergeant
Aldersperson, Cory Neeley	A	Deputy Clerk, Leah Hurtley
Aldersperson, Ben Corridon	P	Library Director, Megan Kloeckner
Mayor, Dianne Duggan	P	Treasurer/City Accountant, Julie Roberts
Aldersperson, Ben Ladick	P	Attorney, Mark Kopp
Aldersperson, Susan Becker	P	Evansville Today, Bill Lathrop
Aldersperson, Gene Lewis	P	Evansville Today, Reilly March
Aldersperson, Joy Morrison	P	Citizen, Dan Schmit
Aldersperson, Erika Stuart	P, arrived at 6:02	Evansville Review, Kelly Gildner Ehlers, Greg Johnson,

3. **Motion to approve the agenda**, by Brooks, seconded by Corridon. **Motion carried 6-0.**
4. **Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the June 14th, 2022 regular meeting and approve as presented**, by Brooks, seconded by Morrison. **Motion carried 6-0.**
5. **Civility reminder-** Duggan noted the City’s commitment to conducting meetings with cordiality.
6. **Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed.** – Bill Lathrop introduced Reilly March as a writer for Evansville Today. Dan Schmit resident of 16 years at 110 N Madison St, addressed accessibility and safety concerns with sidewalk and terrace in front of his home. City Administrator, Jason Sergeant advised Mr. Schmit a staff member will call him directly to address his concerns.
7. **Reports of Committees**
 - A. **Library Board Report** – Megan K shared the library is in the final phase of reopening without limitations. Public computer use is up 113% compared to this time last year. Summer reading program is going well.
 - B. **Youth Center Advisory Board Report** – Ben Corridon shared report. Bill Lathrop was appointed Board Secretary. Building has been inspected and the building inspector met with Sergeant regarding the issues. Deb Arnold came in for an interview for the Youth Center Coordinator.
 - C. **Plan Commission Report**-Did not meet due to lack of quorum.
 - D. **Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report**
 - i. **Motion to accept the June 2022 City bills as presented in the amount of \$1,478,622.72**, by Brooks, seconded by Morrison. **Motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.**

- ii. *Motion to approve Resolution 2022-20 Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,740,000 Water and Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2022A of the City of Evansville, Rock County, Wisconsin, and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and Other Details with Respect to the Bonds,* by Brooks, seconded by Morrison. *Motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.* Greg Johnson, Ehlers, presented the Pre-Sale Report.
- iii. *Motion to approve Resolution 2022-21 Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,665,000 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2022B of the City of Evansville, Rock County, Wisconsin, and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and Other Details with Respect to the Bonds,* by Brooks, seconded by Morrison. *Motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.* Greg Johnson, Ehlers, presented the Pre-Sale report.
- iv. *Motion to approve Resolution 2022-22 Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,325,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022C. Greg Johnson, Ehlers, presented the Pre-Sale report,* by Brooks, seconded by Morrison. *Motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.* Greg Johnson, Ehlers, presented the Pre-Sale report.
- v. *Motion to approve the revised EMS Chief job description,* by Brooks, seconded by Morrison. *Motion carried 7-0.* Sergeant shared the previously approved EMS Chief Position Description with changes after more considerations were shared. Brooks questioned how we can be sure that there is “equity in scheduling” if the Chief is scheduling themselves for additional hours over and above their 40 hours. Sergeant stated that would be viewed as a performance issue if that became a problem.
- vi. *Motion to approve a phone services contract with Dimax,* by Brooks, seconded by Morrison. *Motion carried 7-0 with roll call.* Sergeant shared that the City, PD, and Library all use different phone services. Currently pay \$600-900/month, Dimax will charge approximately \$800.00/month. Hardwire will remain for the emergency phone operations, for the lift pumps, etc. Sergeant shared an estimated timeframe to be 30 days.

- E. **Public Safety Committee Report** – Lewis reported. Approved Operator Licenses. Officer Blom received a Life Saving Award. New squad is in so beginning to strip out the old Tahoe to be used for City purposes. 4th of July brought 20 fireworks complaints, 2 OWI’s, 1 disorderly conduct leading to arrest. Kleisch and Katzenmeier looking for recruits for EMS Brooks sends a Thank you to the Police Department, DPW, W&L and all city staff, who helped make the 4th of July possible. Corridon shared he received a June 24th complaint about the bell ringing. Attorney Kopp shared a noise complaint is nearly impossible to enforce without a decibel meter.
- F. **Municipal Services Report** – Brooks reported a routine meeting with nothing out of the ordinary.
- G. **Economic Development Committee** – Brooks reported a routine meeting with nothing out of the ordinary.
- H. **Parks and Recreation Board Report** – Did not meet due to quorum.

- I. **Historic Preservation Commission** – 125 Garfield approved permit, 349 S First St fence application approved, 51 N 1st St replacing siding, 129 E Main St fence approved. Lewis asked Sergeant when the Historic Preservation applications will resume. Sergeant reports a meeting will occur on Wednesday.
 - J. **Fire District Report** – Brooks reported Service fees have been \$500 for a long time. Carbon monoxide detector call \$150. The Fire Chief suggested increasing the carbon monoxide fee to increase from \$150 to \$250. Base fee from \$500 to \$600. New fees should be passed at the August meeting.
 - K. **Police Commission Report** – Brooks reported job offers were made to three part time officers.
 - L. **Energy Independence Team Report** – Did not meet. Will meet in August
 - M. **Board of Appeals Report** – Did not meet.
8. **Unfinished Business** – None.
 9. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator**- Sergeant reports position of Youth Center Coordinator was offered to Deb Arnold. League of Municipality Government 101 will be offered in September. Building Inspector, Larry walked through EMS and EYC buildings per request of staff members and Sergeant. Impact Confections in Janesville donated all the 4th of July candy. Lake Leota dam repairs have begun. DPW removed stairs to the warming house. Gave a brief update on temporary help for City Hall. Sergeant gave his appreciation for 4th of July volunteers and staff.
 10. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor** – Thanked volunteers and staff for assisting with 4th of July weekend celebrations.
 11. **New Business** –None.
 12. **Introduction of New Ordinances.**
 - A. **Discussion and First Reading of Ordinance 2022-09 amending the local vehicle registration fee.** Resident on Walker St shares her opinion on the increase in wheel tax. Brooks shared financial breakdowns, explanations of the different levels of road repair options, and stressed the importance of Council making tough decisions. Sergeant explained the process of who determines what streets need attention and when they will occur. Morrison shared her concerns with the wheel tax and street deterioration. Stuart shared her concerns about the folks who are on a fixed income. Sergeant shared maps of projected construction repairs and stated that this is an inherently unbalanced and unfair way of getting what we need. However, it is the only feasible option at this time.
 13. **Upcoming Meeting Reminder:** August 9th, 2022 6:00 p.m.
 14. **Motion to adjourn at 7:49pm** by Becker, seconded by Corridon. **Motion passed 7-0.**

Leah Hurlley, Deputy Clerk